Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 28 Apr 2023 until 23:59 on Saturday 29 Apr 2023

Forecast Issued on Friday 28 Apr 2023 at 03:03 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: Low for extent of low cloud and showers on Friday and over the weekend.

Headline for Friday 28 Apr 2023: Mostly cloudy with a little light rain at times

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 28 Apr 2023

Blizzards No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent snow** No Likelihood	**Storm force winds** No Likelihood
Gales No Likelihood	**Severe chill effect** No Likelihood	**Poor visibility** High Likelihood
Thunderstorms No Likelihood	**Heavy persistent rain** No Likelihood	**Strong sunlight** No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Fog	Fog	Light rain	Light snow	Fog
Precipitation probability					
60%	20%	10%	40%	50%	20%

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Weather: A cloudy morning with outbreaks of rain around dawn, these dying out by mid-morning. Some showery rain in the afternoon, turning to wet snow above 700m across the northern Cairngorms and Monadhliath hills in the evening.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30%, best chance of breaks down towards Rannoch Moor in the afternoon

Low cloud and visibility: Areas of cloud down to 500 to 800 metres through the day leading to poor visibility on the tops, this may break at times in the afternoon across the southwest of the area

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	8/10 SW	10/13 W	10/13 NW	11/15 NW	12/16 N	11/15 NE	8/12 NE
900	7/9 SW	7/9 W	7/9 NW	9/13 NW	10/13 N	11/15 NE	9/13 NE
600	3/4 NE	4/5 NW	6/8 NW	8/11 NW	7/11 NE	7/12 NE	6/11 NE
300	1/3 S	2/5 SW	3/7 NW	7/13 N	7/15 N	6/13 NE	5/11 NE
Glen	0/6 S	3/7 SW	4/8 W	6/12 N	5/13 N	4/11 NE	3/9 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-1/-5	-0/-5	0/-4	1/-3	-0/-5	-2/-7	-2/-7
900	2/-1	3/0	4/2	5/2	3/-1	1/-4	0/-4
600	4/3	5/4	7/5	7/4	5/2	3/-0	2/-1
300	5/4	6/6	9/8	9/7	7/4	5/2	4/2
Glen	4/3	8/7	10/10	10/9	8/6	5/3	3/2
Freezing Level*	1300m	1400m	1500m	1500m	1400m	900m	800m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Low cloud leading to navigational difficulties through the day. Note drop in freezing level later in the day across the northern Cairngorms and Monadhliath hills. Freezing level remaining above the summits further west.

Forecast for Saturday 29 Apr 2023

Weather: Another rather cloudy with some occasional light rain or drizzle, this falling as sleet or snow across the Cairngorms and Monadhliath until warmer air spreads north through the afternoon.

Maximum wind: Southerly 15 mph

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 20%

Low cloud and visibility: Extensive low cloud down to 600 to 900 metres, although some breaks possible across the more northern Cairngorms and towards Rannoch Moor by afternoon

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 5 rising to 10 Celsius
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius, but -1 Celsius in the north and east until the afternoon
Freezing level: Above summits, but 600 metres across the north and east of the region until the afternoon

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